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SUBJ: DRV CHARGES RE CIVILIAN PRISONERS HELD BY GVN

1. IN SEPTEL TO SAIGON, INFO USDEL FRANCE, DEPT REQUEST-
ING EMBASSY SAIGON PROVIDE YOU WITH DETAILS AND FIGURES
ON GVN PRISON POPULATION. FOLLOWING PRELIMINARY
INFO REPRESENTS PERTINENT BACKGROUND DATA IMMEDIATELY
AVAILABLE HERE.

2. ACCORDING TO OUR BEST INFORMATION, CIVIL PRISON
CAPACITY IN RVN IS BETWEEN 40,000 AND 45,000.

3. DURING HIS VISIT TO U. S. IN EARLY APRIL, PRESIDENT
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THIEU IN PUBLIC STATEMENTS PLACED TOTAL NUMBER CIVILIAN PRISONERS AT APPROXIMATELY 38,000, I. E., 21,000 COMMON CRIMINALS, 5,000 COMMUNIST CRIMINALS, 12,000 AWAITING TRIAL. WE BELIEVE THIS TO BE A REASONABLE ESTIMATE.

4. IT MIGHT BE NOTED THAT THE GVN CLAIMS THAT THE OTHER SIDE IS HOLDING OVER 60,000 CIVILIANS, OF WHICH THE PRG HAS PUBLICLY ACKNOWLEDGED HOLDING ONLY 637, WHOSE NAMES HAVE APPEARED ON LIST PREPARED FOR CURRENT BILATERAL EXCHANGE. RUSH

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